UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250 **Notice PM-2517**

For: All FFAS Employees

External Awards

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1 Overview

A Background

The Federal Incentive Awards Program is designed to improve Government operations by motivating and rewarding employee excellence in the workforce. Recognizing outstanding performance and achievements is an essential management responsibility, critical to stimulating and sustaining high levels of proficiency and productivity. With today's budgetary restraints, awards from external agencies are excellent tools for management to use in recognizing outstanding performers.

B Purpose

This notice provides a listing of Federal and non-Federally sponsored award programs available to Federal government employees. Exhibit 1 is a list of the awards and the available web site for additional information.

C Labor Management Obligations

Where exclusive representation exists, bargaining may be requested to the extent allowed by applicable statutes. Where contract language already addresses these policies and procedures for bargaining unit employees, contract language prevails.

2 Eligibility and Procedures

A Eligibility

The eligibility requirements vary with each award. Be sure to read the information provided on the web site listed in Exhibit 1 about the individual award's eligibility criteria.

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2 Eligibility and Procedures (Continued)

B Nomination

The nomination process and award criteria vary with each award.

Note: Agencies should **not** submit their nominations to any of these external award sponsors until the National Office has announced the specific external award nomination.

C Contacts for Additional Information

Use the following table for contact points if additional information is needed.

Location	Contact
All FAS	Audrey Armstrong, Performance Management,
FSA National Office	Benefits, and Awards Branch, HRD, at
RMA Offices (except Kansas City)	202-418-8973 or TTY 202-418-9116.
FSA APFO	Employee and Labor Relations Section, KCHRO, at
FSA Kansas City/St Louis	816-926-6643 or TTY 816-926-3063.
FSA State Offices	
RMA Kansas City	

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External Awards

The following is a list of awards and web sites for additional information.

Award	Web Site
American Planning Association	http://www.fedplan.org
Federal Planning	
Association of Government	http://www.agacgfm.org/about/awards/year.aspx
Accountants Achievement of the Year	
Association of Government	http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/awards/greathou
Accountants Frank Greathouse	se.aspx
Carnegie Medal for Heroism	http://www.carnegiehero.org/
Justice Tom C. Clark	
Federal Library and Information Center Committee	http://www.loc.gov/flicc/awards.html
Federal Property Manager of the Year	
Arthur S. Flemming	http://www.gwu.edu/~flemming
John J. Franke, Jr. Information	
Resources Management Professional	
Service	
GSA Achievement for Real Property	http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/contentView.do?cont
Innovation	entType= GSA_OVERVIEW&contentId=10427
Government Employees Insurance	http://www.geico.com/insproducts/fedpsas.html
Company Public Service	
Government Technology Leadership	http://www.govexec.com/gtla
Innovations in American Government	
International Personnel Management	http://www.ipma-hr.org
Association (IPMA) Federal Section	
Leading Edge	
IMPA Linda Trunzo Humanitarian	
Intergovernmental Solutions	
Roger W. Jones Award for Executive	http://www.american.edu/spa/dpa/rogerjones.html
Leadership	
William A. Jump	
The Livingston	http://www.livawards.org/awards
Manager of the Year	http://www.fedmanagers.org
National Association of Government	http://www.nagc.com/awards/
Communicators International Blue	
Pencil and Gold Screen	hater the second of the second
National Public Service	http://www.napawash.org/about_academy/about_npsa. html
National Society of Professional	http://www.nspe.org/peg/pg1-feya.asp
Engineers Federal Engineer of the Year	

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